

the activities and projects of a charitable institution. a food bank, a food pantry, a hunger relief center, a soup kitchen, or a similar public or private nonprofit eligible recipient. agency) providing nutrition assistance to relieve situations of emergency and distress through the provision of food to needy persons, including low-income and unemployed persons.

"(5) FOOD BANK.—The term "food bank" means a public or charitable institution that maintains an established operation involving the provision of food or edible commodities, or the products of food or edible commodities, to food pantries, soup kitchens, hunger relief centers, or other food or feeding centers that, as an integral part of their normal activities,

provide meals or food to feed needy persons on a regular basis.

"(6) FOOD PANTRY.—The term "food pantry" means a public or private nonprofit organization that distributes food to low-income and unemployed households, including food from sources other than the Department of Agriculture, to relieve situations of emergency and distress.

"(7) POVERTY LINE.—The term "poverty line" has the meaning provided in section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)).

"(8) SOUP KITCHEN.—The term "soup kitchen" means a public or charitable institution that, as an integral part of the normal activities of the institution, maintains an established feeding operation to provide food to needy homeless persons on a regular basis.

"(9) TOTAL VALUE OF ADDITIONAL COMMODITIES.—The term "total value of additional commodities" means the actual cost of all additional commodities that are paid by the Secretary (including the distribution and processing costs incurred by the Secretary).

"(10) VALUE OF ADDITIONAL COMMODITIES ALLOCATED TO EACH STATE.—The term "value of additional commodities allocated to each State" means the actual cost of additional commodities allocated to each State that are paid by the Secretary (including the distribution and processing costs incurred by the Secretary).

(b) STATE PLAN.—Section 202A of the Emergency

Food
Assistance Act of 1983 (Public Law 98-18: 7 U.S.C. 612c
note) is amended
to read as follows:

"SEC. 202A. STATE PLAN.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—To receive commodities under this Act, a State shall submit a plan of operation and administration every 4 years to the Secretary for approval. The plan may be amended at any time, with the approval of the Secretary.

"(b) REQUIREMENTS.—Each plan shall—

"(1) designate the State agency responsible for distributing the commodities received under this Act:

"(2) set forth a plan of operation and administration to expeditiously distribute commodities under this Act:

"(3) set forth the standards of eligibility for recipient agencies; and

"(4) set forth the standards of eligibility for individual or household recipients of commodities, which shall require—

"(A) individuals or households to be comprised of needy persons; and